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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to substantive examination of the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

41. (new) The exhaust gas treatment device of claim 1, wherein said support element is needled.
- A 42. (new) The exhaust gas treatment device of claim 9, wherein said mat is needled.
43. (new) The exhaust gas treatment device of claim 12, wherein said support element is needled.
44. (new) The exhaust gas treatment device of claim 21, wherein said mat is needled.